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1. The Chinese Communist Air Force is under the jurisdiction of the Revolutionary Military Council and is under the command of Chinese Communist Army Headquarters. The commander is LIU Ya-lou and the political commissar is LI T'ao (李涛).
2. The organization pattern is as follows: Three planes form one flight (小队)<sup>1</sup>, three flights form one squadron (分队)<sup>1</sup>, three squadrons form one group (中队), three groups form one wing (大队), and four wings form one division (师).
3. The 1 and 2 Air Divisions are already formed. The 1 Division is under HUANG Jui (黄锐) and consists of the following: The 1 Wing with the 1, 2, and 3 Groups, equipped entirely with jet fighters; the 3 Wing with 7 and 8 Groups, equipped with bombers, and the 9 Group, equipped with reconnaissance planes; and the 4 Wing with 10, 11, and 12 Groups, equipped with transport planes. The 2 Division is under LIU Wei-lun (刘伟伦) and consists of the following: The 5 Wing with the 13, 14, and 15 Groups, equipped like the 1 Wing; the 6 Wing with the 16, 17, and 18 Groups, equipped like the 2 Wing<sup>2</sup>; the 7 Wing with the 19, 20, and 21 Groups, equipped like the 3 Wing; and the 8 Wing with the 22, 23, and 24 Groups, equipped like the 4 Wing.<sup>3</sup>
4. Each air division has 330 planes including 162 jet fighters, 54 bombers, 27 reconnaissance planes, 81 transports, and 6 trainers.
5. The 1 Air Division is now stationed in the Northeast, with the mission of participating in the Korean War and protecting the Northeast. The 5 Wing is stationed in the East China Area. The 16 Group is in the South China Area. The 17 and 18 Groups are in the North China Area. The 7 and 8 Wings are scattered through the East, South, and North China Areas.

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6. Air Force units for the Northwest and Southwest China Areas are being formed, and their organization will be completed by the end of 1951.
7. The Civil Aviation Command is under the jurisdiction of the Revolutionary Military Council and is assigned to the Air Force Command. It has 81 old transports and is responsible for scheduled flights between Shanghai, Hankow, Chungking, Ch'engtu, and Peiping.

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1. [ ] Comment: The characters for "squadron" and "flight" appear to be transposed, since 分隊 is usually translated "flight" and 大隊 is usually translated "squadron."

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2. [ ] Comment: Although reference is made here to the 2 Wing, the description of the components of that unit is missing in the foregoing breakdown of the 1 Air Division.

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3. [ ] Comment: The order of battle as described here does not provide for the several "air regiments" (聯隊) which are so often identified in [ ]

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